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SUBJECT: ROC PARTICIPATION IN THE US BICENTENNIAL

REF: A) STATE 14583 (EXDIS); B) TAIPEI 672 (EXDIS)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ACCORDING TO THE FEB 15 CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO (CKSP), THE GROC HAS DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN US BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES. THE MINISTRIES OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE ARE REPORTEDLY NOW MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO BE COORDINATED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE US BICENTENNIAL HEADED BY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-KAI.

2. CKSP REPORTS THAT PLANNED ACTIVITIES (APPARENTLY APPROVED BY GROC) INCLUDE:

A. PARTICIPATION IN A KANSAS CITY TRADE FAIR IN LATE 1975 AND EXHIBITION OF ASIAN-PACIFIC NATIONS IN LA FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 1976.

B. HOLDING A BILATERAL US/ROC INVESTMENT AND TRADE CONFERENCE AS WELL AS FORUMS AND EXHIBITIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY AMERICAN CHINESE.

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C. PUBLISHING A SPECIAL EDITION ON SINO-US RELATIONS DURING THE PAST 200 YEARS AND A BILINGUAL TEXT OF CONFUCIUS' TEACHINGS.

D. ISSUING NEW POSTAL STAMPS ON THE OCCASION OF TP BICENTENNIAL.

E. PROVIDING TELEVISION SERIES AND MOTION PICTURES FOR DISPLAYING IN THE UBNS.

F. ESTABLISHING IN THE CONFUCIUS MANSION IN WASHINGTON, BUILT BY OVERSEAS CHINESE, A CULTURAL HALL WHICH WILL CONTAIN A MARBLE PLAQUE WITH QUOTATIONS FROM THE BOOK OF RITES.

G. VISITS TO THE US BY ARTISTIC, CULTURAL AND ATHLETIC GROUPS TO JOIN THE CELEBRATIVE ACTIVITIES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS: ALL OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED PLANNED ACTIVITIES APPEAR TO FALL WITHIN THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED FOR ROC PARTICIPATION IN THE US BICENTENNIAL REF A). THE GROC UNDOUBTEDLY SEES A PROPAGANDA VALUE (BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN US) DERIVING FROM MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST PROFILE POSSIBLE DURING US BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, BUT IT ALMOST CERTAINLY ALSO REALIZES THAT THE POTENTIAL PROPAGANDA VALUE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES WOULD BE NULLIFIED DOMESTICALLY IF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES DID NOT FALL UNDER THE GUIDELINES AND LED TO UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY. THEREFORE, WHILE WE EXPECT THE LIST OF ROC ACTIVITIES IN THE BICENTENNIAL TO EXPAND, WE BELIEVE THE GROC IS LIKELY TO AVOID PROPOSALS CLEARLY OUTSIDE THE GUIDELINES AND WILL CONFINE ITSELF TO OCCASIONAL ATTEMPTS TO STRETCH THEM.

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